



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Guoqiang Xing, et al.

Docket No: TI-31729

Serial No: 09/901,416

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Examiner: Thanh T. Nguyen

Art Unit: 2813

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For: DUAL HARDMASK PROCESS FOR THE FORMATION OF COPPER/LOW-K INTERCONNECTS

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 24, 2003, finally rejecting Claims 1-13.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection

☐ was granted on _____.

☐ is requested for _____ month.

2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

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☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)

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